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Gov. Shumlin appoints Dylan McAllistser to student seat on the Vermont Board of Education

MONTPELIER – Gov. Peter Shumlin announced today the appointment of Dylan McAllister, a student at Hazen Union High School, to the Vermont Board of Education. McAllister will be a junior at Hazen Union next fall. He will fill one of the two student seats on the panel.

McAllister, who lives in Greensboro, has been active in Youth and Adults Transforming Schools Together, an organization committed to using a student-teacher-community partnership to give students a voice in education decision-making. He will be the student representative next year on the Hazen Union School Board.

"Dylan has given a great deal of thought to where Vermont schools are succeeding, and areas that could be improved," Gov. Shumlin said. "He will be a strong addition to the Board of Education, and reflect a bright and informed student perspective."

"I am beyond honored to be appointed to this position. I believe it is my responsibility to ensure that every student perspective is heard and represented," McAllister said. "I intend to fulfill all the needs of our learning community to the best of my ability. Vermonters will not be disappointed."

McAllister will serve in a non-voting capacity for one year and become a voting member as a high school senior during his second year on the board.